MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI: Yes.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know from the member whether these papers were asked for by the Additional District Magistrate, Padmanabhapuram?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI: No.

Major operations in the General Hospital.

19. MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Will the Government be pleased to state the number of major operations conducted in the General Hospital and the percentage of mortality attending upon the same?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Ag. Darbar Physician*):

Year.	*Number of major operations.*	*Percentage of mortality.*
1107	*499*	*5·8*

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know the nature of the cases that ended in mortality?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: I cannot answer that off-hand now.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know whether the member will be pleased to enquire into that and lay the report on the table?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: I do not think it necessary to lay such a report on the table. I have enquired into it before and I do not think it necessary to enquire into it any further.

Disbursement of Agricultural loans.

20. MR. G. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the disbursement of sanctioned agricultural loans to the applicants *in a lump* is prohibited by any rule or order of the Government?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: The answer is in the negative.

MR. G. NARAYANA AIYAR: Will the member be pleased to state whether the loan sanctioning authority has not got the discretion to disburse the loan in a lump sum in case of necessity?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: Yes, rule 25 of the rules says. "Disbursement of loans under the Regulation shall ordinarily be made in two instalments. But the sanctioning authority may disburse the loan in one instalment if it appears to him that there are reasonable grounds for doing so."

MR. G. NARAYANA AIYAR: Will the member be pleased to state whether in cases where the disbursing authority gives the loan in a lump, Government can interfere with the discretion exercised by the sanctioning authority?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: The rule says that the sanctioning authority may disburse the loan in one instalment if it appears to him to be necessary. It does not say that Government cannot interfere, but I do not know of any instance in which the Government have interfered.

Representation of Municipal Councils in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly.

21. Mr. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Municipal Councils*): Will the Government be pleased to state how many representatives the Municipal Councils of the State had in the defunct Sri Mulam Popular Assembly?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI: 19.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Has any provision been made for their representation in the present Assembly?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI: The member's attention is directed to paragraph 12 of the Government Communique dated the 29th October 1932.

Cocoa-brandy and its ingredients.

22. MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Excise Department is supplying a kind of liquor known as cocoa-brandy, and, if so, what its ingredients are;

(*b*) whether any chemical examination of the same has been conducted by any expert, and, if so, when, and what is the report received from the expert;

(*c*) whether they are aware that the addition of flavouring materials in liquor will influence its specific gravity; and

(*d*) whether the arrack manufactured in the distilleries is examined every time it is manufactured and issued, and. if so, by whom?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): (*a*) Yes, It is arrack distilled from cocoanut toddy, coloured and flavoured with the recipe of brandy.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) This has not been tested.

(*d*) Yes. The arrack distilled in the Nagercoil Distillery is tested by the Chemical Examiner to Government or the Industrial Chemist once a quarter.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: How is the present pattern of liquor an improvement upon the old flavoured toddy arrack?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: The old cocoanut toddy was prepared with rum essence. Now it is prepared with brandy essence.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: What is the object of introducing this kind of liquor? Is it to compete with foreign liquor?

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